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To: Providers in King and Pierce Counties
Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Medicare Medicaid Integration Program (MMIP)

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2005, clients 65 years of age and older who reside in King and Pierce Counties, and who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid will be offered enrollment in a voluntary managed care program. This program will integrate medical and long-term care services using a contracted managed care organization, Evercare Premier.

What is the Medicare Medicaid Integration Program (MMIP)?

[Refer to WAC 388-538-061]

Effective for dates of services on and after June 1, 2005, clients residing in King and Pierce Counties who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits will be offered enrollment in MMIP. Under this program, clients will have medical and long-term care services provided by Evercare Premier. The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Evercare Premier's application to be a special needs plan under the Medicare Modernization Act. DSHS is partnering with CMS and Evercare Premier to include Medicare and Medicaid medical and long-term care services in the program. Evercare is licensed under United HealthCare Insurance Company, a life and disability carrier.

Why is DSHS implementing MMIP?

This integration program is an opportunity to combine funding and care coordination for clients who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (called "dual-eligible" clients). Integrating benefits creates the opportunity for the combined programs to provide a medical home for clients and assist them in managing their health care needs. Coordinating these services will help prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, postpone placements in nursing homes, help reduce pharmaceutical costs, and avoid the use of the emergency room for conditions that are more appropriate for physician office visits.

Who is eligible to enroll in MMIP?

Clients who are eligible for MMIP are clients in King and Pierce Counties 65 years of age and older who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

The following clients are **not** eligible for enrollment:

- Healthy Options enrollees;
- Clients with third party health insurance coverage (including private health insurance or another Medicare managed care plan);
- Any Medicare or Medicaid client **under** 65 years of age; or
- Any client 65 years of age or older who is only qualified for either Medicare or Medicaid, but not both.

How will clients enroll in this program?

Enrollment in MMIP is strictly voluntary. Clients may enroll in MMIP by calling Evercare Premier at (866) 266-0636 and by doing one or more of the following:

- Requesting enrollment information and enrollment forms;
- Requesting an individual meeting with an Evercare representative, or
- Attending a community meeting (details available from Evercare representatives).



Note: When enrollment is coordinated by Evercare Premier, DSHS will verify client eligibility prior to enrollment.

Evercare Premier will distribute information regarding MMIP, enrollment options and forms, community meeting flyers, etc. to contracted providers' offices. Providers are encouraged to offer this information to their dual-eligible patients who may benefit from membership in MMIP.

MMIP enrollees may choose to disenroll from the program at any time (based on MAA's premium payment schedule), and receive their services from the DSHS and Medicare fee-for-service systems.

How will MMIP clients be identified on the DSHS Medical ID card?

Clients who are enrolled in MMIP will have an "EVCP" medical identifier in the "HMO" column on their DSHS Medical ID Card. If the column is blank, the client is fee-for-service for the month listed on the Medical ID Card.

What services will Evercare Premier cover?

Evercare Premier will cover the following services:

- Ambulance transportation;
- Ambulatory surgery center services;
- Blood, blood components, and human blood products;
- Care coordination services (includes: initial needs assessment, care planning coordination, communicating with all providers on client's health care team, etc.);
- Care coordination and management
- Dementia screening
- Disease management;
- Durable medical equipment and supplies;
- Emergency and post-stabilization services;
- General medical services (medical examinations including wellness exams, immunizations, enrollee health education, surgical services);
- Hospice services;
- Inpatient medical hospitalization services;
- Laboratory, radiology, and other medical imaging services;
- Long-term care services including:
 - ✓ Adult Day Care;
 - ✓ Adult Day Health;
 - ✓ Adult Family Homes;
 - ✓ Adult Residential Care;
 - ✓ Assisted Living;
 - ✓ Enhanced Adult Residential Care;
 - ✓ Environmental Modifications/Assistive Technology;
 - ✓ Health Screening;
 - ✓ Home Delivered Meals;
 - ✓ Home Health Care;
 - ✓ Minor Household Repairs;
 - ✓ Nurse Delegation;
 - ✓ Nursing Services;
 - ✓ Nursing Facilities/Nursing Homes (if admission occurs after enrollment in MMIP - see page 4 for more information);
 - ✓ Personal Care Services;
 - ✓ Personal Emergency Response System (PERS); and
 - ✓ Self-directed Care;
- Mental health (limited to 12 outpatient visits per year for assessment and treatment);
- Occupational, speech, and physical therapies;

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- Outpatient hospital services;
- Oxygen and respiratory services;
- Pharmaceutical products;
- Tissue and organ transplants;
- Treatment for renal failure; and
- Vision care.

What services will continue to be covered by DSHS, but will not be covered by Evercare Premier?

For some services, Evercare Premier will coordinate care and delivery of services, but will not be financially responsible. Providers must continue to bill DSHS for the following services (see MAA's *General Information Billing Instructions* and Numbered Memorandum 04-57 for information on how providers bill for nonemergency medical transportation and interpreter services):

- Mental health services (other than the 12 visits on page 3);
- Dental care, prostheses, and oral surgery;
- Eyeglass frames, lenses, and fabrication services;
- Hearing aid devices;
- Chemical dependency treatment services;
- Medical interpreters;
- Medical transportation services other than ambulance;
- Nursing facilities/Nursing homes (if admitted prior to enrollment in MMIP – see below for more information);
- Opiate substitution treatment; and
- Tuberculosis (TB), Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and Sexually Transmitted Disease-Infection (STD-I) tests at health departments;



Note: For more detail about the program, visit the MMIP website at:
<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/mmip> .

What are the changes with nursing facility billing?

Nursing facilities are paid based on the client's eligibility at the time of admission to the nursing facility. If the client was admitted to the nursing facility while on DSHS fee-for-service coverage prior to enrollment in Evercare Premier, then DSHS will continue to pay the nursing facility fee-for-service. Evercare Premier will cover all the other services listed on pages 3 and 4. If the client is admitted to the nursing facility after enrolling in Evercare Premier, then Evercare is responsible for payment of the nursing facility charges along with all the services listed on pages 3 and 4.

How can I learn more about contracting with Evercare Premier?

If you do not currently have a contract with Evercare Premier to provide services to MMIP enrollees and would like to receive information about contracting with Evercare Premier, please call: Patricia Kelly, Director, Network Development at (206) 749-4342.

How can I learn more about MMIP?

For more details on the program, visit the MMIP website at: <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/mmip>. The website will contain dates for upcoming training and information sessions, where you can learn more about the program and talk face to face with program representatives.

If you have questions, you may contact Kristi Knudsen, (360) 725-2537, knudskl@dshs.wa.gov or Brett Lawton, (360) 725-1593, lawtobl@dshs.wa.gov,

How can I get MAA's provider issuances?

To obtain MAA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda or Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).

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